

garetta Walton reminded us of the departed standard bearers and exhorted us to build upon the sure foundation the everlasting principle, that we may be worthy followers of those who were the pillars of our Society, that it may present to the world living evidences of the efficacy of our faith, and the inner light.

Minutes of unity were read for Margaretta Walton, Maria Dodgson from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, for Joshua and Caroline Washburn, from New York, and for Abel M. and Amy G. Walker, of Ohio. Job H. and Emeline Wilbur, from N. Y., were in attendance without minutes. Words of welcome were expressed and feelings of gratitude entertained for their presence with us.

Six epistles were read at this time, from Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. Our Yearly Meeting being held in joint session, we get the benefit of both the men's and women's epistle from each Yearly Meeting. Those read at this time were very interesting, especially the one dwelling upon the advisability of fostering the diversity of gifts in our Society. We accept it as a just reproof, and we hope every Yearly Meeting will be wise enough to accept it and profit by it. I think it was in the epistle from the men's branch of New York, if I may be allowed to be personal, and I think the excellency of the epistle will permit it. Not only is the counsel pertinent, but the garb in which it was clothed is new and fresh and not the dry bones of things that once lived.

On Third-day the remaining epistles were read, and the meeting then entered into the state of the Society as evinced by the answers to the queries.

Much concern was called forth by the lax attendance of our meetings, especially those held in the middle of the week.

Margaretta Walton tenderly exhorted all to be more faithful in this respect. If we could realize how much we are missed when absent, or how

much we bring with us when present, we would be found more frequently in our accustomed places, and when there let us see to it, as far as in us lies the power, that the meeting be one of life. If held in His name and in His power, others will come in and sit with us in His baptismal presence and will in due time seek an abiding home in our religious fold.

J. J. Cornell recalled the time when he was the only young man that came to his meeting, but he continued faithful in the duty, and is now thankful for it, and can sympathize and encourage those who are in a like lonely condition. As we are faithful to the smaller duties greater things will be added.

S. P. Zavitz said that if we are so circumstanced that it is impossible to meet with our friends for divine worship, our religion is such that we can take it home and worship there in spirit and in truth.

I. Wilson explained the meaning of the term fellowship, making it express more than mere unity—it means an interflow of feeling, a mutual exchange of love.

M. Walton spoke of the beauty of living within the bounds of our circumstances and ability. It would save us from many a period of restlessness, of suffering and remorse. Let confidence be maintained between husband and wife. May the wife be apprized of the true standing of the husband's pecuniary business, and use prudence and economy in the home appointments, ever keeping the outlay within the income.

Caroline Washburn said that embezzlements and bankruptcies generally come from an undue desire to make haste to get rich. This desire destroys that happiness that we should enjoy in this life. We should rather make and mature our plans under the divine direction, waiting until the way opened in the clearness, and appointments of truth.

[For want of space we are obliged to omit the remainder of this report until next month.] EDGAR M. ZAVITZ.